

# California Water Data

August 31, 2011

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Resources Building, Room 1131

## Assignment

All of us are working on California water resources information in some capacity. We participate in water data collection, water data management, water data publication, water data analyses or some combination of these activities. My experience is that many programs work in relative isolation, without much knowledge of what other programs and other organizations do. As such, we continue to re-invent the wheel when it comes to data collection, data management, data publication and data analyses.

This is the time of year when school starts. It seems appropriate to hand out an assignment before the meeting to make this meeting as productive as possible. Please be prepared to talk about:

What organization do you work for?

What program or programs do you work on?

If you work on more than one program, pick one and discuss:

The mission of the program.

The authority for the program.

What data is collected for the program?

How the data is managed?

How the data is published or otherwise available to people beyond the program?

What analyses and products does the program produce?

(You are encouraged to talk about more than one program for extra credit.)

Discuss what you would like to accomplish in this and future meetings.

I would like your responses to be more than a brief statement. The more information you can provide in your discussion, the better people at the meeting will be able to understand and relate

to the work you are doing. With a more detailed discussion, the group will be better able to decide what its next steps should be.

I would also appreciate written responses, so I can compile and post them for everyone. My hope is to post them on a web site for everyone, including future participants.

I will have a laptop and projector set up. This will have the Office 2007 suite of programs on it. If you wish to bring a presentation, we can accommodate that. If you are using Office 2010, remember to save the file in the older format.